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# Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

## Minutes #2

**May 28, 2014**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:11 PM on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 in Library Conference Room A in the URI Library, Chairperson Nassersharif presiding. Senators Cerbo, Rarick, Rollo-Koster, and Sullivan were present. Senator Welters was absent.

2. Minutes from Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #1, May 14, 2014 were approved as amended.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Ms. Neff reported that Thursday, 8 - 10 AM, is the only mutually available time for the FSEC to meet in the fall semester. Members present agreed to the meeting time. The committee set meeting dates for the summer: June 11, 23; July 9, 23; and August 4, 21.

b. Ms. Neff was asked to arrange summer meetings with the President and the Provost.

c. Ms. Neff suggested that FSEC members be aware of the meeting dates for the Board of Education and directed the committee to the upcoming dates. Members noted that the Board meetings can be informative and offer an opportunity for networking.

### 4. ONGOING BUSINESS

The committee discussed the implementation plan for the new general education program. Chairperson Nassersharif summarized the need to establish an ad hoc committee to develop a broad-based plan involving academic and administrative constituents. The committee discussed many of the complex impacts at the department level of revising the general education program. One issue discussed was the impact of changing enrollments (both increasing and decreasing) on the management of faculty workloads.

Faculty nominees to fill the University College and General Education (UCGE) Committee vacancies were approved with the exception of the nominee from the College of Human Science and Services (HSS) who was not a member of the continuing faculty (implicit requirement of committee members, 6.2 By-Laws of the Faculty Senate). Ms. Neff was asked to request the name of another committee nominee from HSS.

The committee discussed the appointment of the Chair of the UCGE Committee. The committee moved approval of a selected member of the committee to the position of UCGE Chair. The individual would be allowed to accept before making public his/her name.

The committee discussed the draft of the Implementation Process for the New General Education Program and possible membership of the steering team. Senator Rarick suggested that FSEC members email suggestions (to the listserv) of faculty who would be effective participants of the steering team.

A motion was made to accept the document titled Implementation Process for the New General Education Program. The motion was not seconded. Senator Sullivan moved to strike "most

actively involved in the implementation process" from the description of the responsibility of the steering team. The motion was not seconded.

A motion was made again to accept the document. It was not seconded.

The committee expressed a desire to continue the conversation about the document at the next meeting on June 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff